(c) what is the bulk drug price of Betamethasone and its salts on which leader prices of four formulations were notified under DPCO, 1987;

(d) whether it is a fact that amount overcharged by these companies on these drugs/formulations have neither been assessed nor recovered uptill today;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has used the DPEA amount in paying loans; and

(f) if so, how this utilisation is consist with the provison of price control order?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Harnessing the Bio-Gas Energy in Madhya Pradesh

1423. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the assessed total bio-gas energy potential in Madhya Pradesh has so far been harnessed through bio-gas plants and other means;

(b) what measures are being taken to harness the remaining gas; and

(c) what amount has so far been invested for harnessing bio-gas energy in Madhya Pradesh and what is the energy being generated through this investment?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A total of over 31,900 family type biogas plants have been set up in the State of Madhya Pradesh which works out to about 2.1 per cent of the theoritical potential estimated on the basis of cattle population and other factors.

(b) The National Project for Biogas Development (NPBD) which caters to family type biogas plants is being continued in all States/Union Territories, including Madhya Pradesh. A target of setting up of 3000 biogas plants has been fixed for the State for 1988-89. Besides, Khadi and Village Industries Commission is also setting up biogas plants in the State. The project provides for Central subsidy, promotional incentives, turn-key job fee, training programmes; repair and maintenance charges, service charges, in lieu of staff support, field demonstrations on the utility of manure, netting up of night soil based biogas plants, etc. Emphasis is continued to be laid on post-installation maintenance and serving of plants, including revival/repair of old on-functional plants.

(c) A total of about 6.61 crores has been sanctioned to the State nodal agencies during the period 1981-82 to 1988-89 (upto 31.10.1988) under NPBD.

Biogas plants set up in the State so far are estimated to produce about 32.5 lakh cubic metres of biogas per year which is equivalent to 1.13 lakh tonnes of fuel-wood per year.

Recommendation for Restructuring Coal India Limited

1424. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 3385 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the report of Kumarmangalam Committee has since been received;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations regarding the restructuring of C.I.L. and what is Government's reaction to the same; and

(c) if not, by when the report will be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The Committee could not make any recommendation due to the sudden demise of Shri J. G. Kumaramangalam, Chairman of the Committee.

Setting up of Captive Power Plants

1425. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to encourage industry to set up captive power plants; and

(b) what has been the response to such initiatives of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Permission to instal captive power plants is accorded where the requirement of power is substantial and continuous and reliable power supply is necessary. The State Electricity Boards are empowered to accord such permission if the capacity is upto 25 MW, consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is necessary in cases where the proposed capacity is more than 25 MW.

Captive power plants have been set up by units in the public sector as well as the private setcor.

Philatelists Counters

1426. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to help amateur philatelists to procure new stamps/First Day Cover without delay;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open philatelic counters in Universities and Colleges; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Circulars are issued for the release of Commemorative/Special postal stamps, First Day Covers, Information Sheets etc. which are displaced at all philatelic Bureaux/Counters throughout the country. Special Commemorative Stamps, First Day Covers and Information Sheets are sold at Philatelic Bureaux/Counters and other authorised offices. There is also a shceme of deposit account, for regular collectors.

(b) and (c) Philatelic Bureaux/Counters are opened at different places depending upon the necessity and sale of Philatelic material at those places. Universities/Colleges where philatelic counters are at present functioning are Delhi University, Kurukshetra University and Aligarh University Medical College.

Prices of Polymixin-B Sulphate range Formulations

1427. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the imports of Polymixin B Sulphate, Flucionolone Acetonide, Triamcinolone, Lynoestrenol and Hydroprogesterone Caproate durng the last three years year-wise in quantity and value;

(b) when were the prices fixed for Neospirin range of formulations, Benadryl and Flucort range of formulations under DPCO, 1979 alongwith price of each formulation;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the above drugs are being imported and are having huge turn over;